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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
          The Secretary of State

          THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
          The Secretary of Defense

          THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
          The Director of Central Intelligence

          GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.
          The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Coordination of Measures to Assist in Return of
            AMCIT Hostage, Jeremy (Jerry) Levin, Cable News
            Network (CNN)   (C)

Cable News Network Bureau Chief, Jerry Levin, who was seized in
Beirut on March 7, 1984, is in the process of being repatriated
through Damascus. CNN has dispatched an aircraft from Rome and
has agreed to deliver Mr. Levin to U.S. authority in Frankfurt,
Germany. CNN executives have further agreed that they will
coordinate the release of public information with the USG so that
the four remaining American kidnap victims are not jeopardized.
(C)

It is important that in the hours and days ahead the USG make
every effort to facilitate reuniting Mr. Levin with his family
and at the same time take the necessary steps to protect the
lives/safety of the other American hostages. By agreement among
participating agencies, the following measures will be taken by
the USG:

--   The State Department will serve as lead agency for
      coordinating the return of Mr. Levin. Mr. Terry Arnold
      (M/CTP) will accompany the Levin party and serve as
      principal point of contact for this mission. The State
      Department will also provide appropriate de-briefing and
      communications specialist/equipment to support this
      endeavor. As lead agency, the Department of State will
      prepare appropriate press guidance and Congressional
      notification/briefings.

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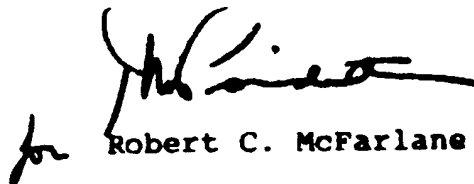Declassify: OADR

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-- The Department of Defense will provide an aircraft to
   proceed from Washington, DC, to Frankfurt, Germany, and
   return. The aircrew should be prepared and arrangements
   should be made for continuation on to Damascus, Syria, in
   the event that arrangements being made CNN are not
   successful. A Defense Intelligence Agency specialist should
   accompany the party when it departs Washington.

-- The Central Intelligence Agency will provide an appropriate
   de-briefing specialist to accompany the mission.

-- Diplomatic, intelligence, and military authorities in Europe
   and the Middle East should be alerted to provide all
   appropriate assistance in support of this mission.

-- By agreement among participating departments/agencies, the
   USG representatives on this mission will be Mr. Terry Arnold
   (DOS), Mr. Steve Gleason (DOS/SY), _____ (CIA),
   _____ (DIA), and a State Department
   communicator. Accompanying Mrs. Levin will be the two Levin
   children (Clair and Francis) and the Reverend Landrum
   Bolling.   (C)

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     Assistant to the President and
        Director of Special Support Services

     Edwin Meese, III
     Counsellor to the President

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